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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1378

**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~V. Manuel Perez~~ Members
V. Manuel Perez, Fletcher, and Salas**

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 14013.5 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1378, as amended, ~~V. Manuel Perez~~ *V. Manuel Perez*. California Workforce Investment Board: ~~veterans~~² *veterans* workforce program.

The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for workforce investment activities, including activities in which states may participate. Under existing law, the California Workforce Investment Board is responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law requires the board, among other things, to assist the Governor with promoting the development of a well-educated and highly skilled workforce and developing the State Workforce Investment Plan.

This bill would establish the ~~veterans~~² *Veterans* Workforce Accountability Act for the purpose of providing a method for the comprehensive and transparent evaluation of expenditures for veteran workforce development programs in the state, as specified. The bill would require the board to conduct an annual assessment of those programs, and, in consultation with the Employment Training Panel,

the Department of ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Affairs, and representatives of the Employment Development Department, to implement and administer provisions of the act, as provided. The bill would require the board, to annually report to the Governor and the appropriate legislative policy and budget committees on the effectiveness of existing job skills development, training, and referral programs for military veterans who are transitioning to civilian work.

The bill would provide that the provisions of the bill shall only be implemented to the extent that federal funds are made available to the state for the purposes of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14013.5 is added to the Unemployment
2 Insurance Code, to read:

3 14013.5. (a) The ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Workforce Accountability
4 Act is hereby established for the purpose of providing a method
5 for the comprehensive and transparent evaluation of expenditures
6 for veteran workforce development programs in the state. The
7 board shall conduct an annual assessment evaluating the
8 effectiveness of those programs that assist veterans with the
9 transition to civilian work, which are funded with federal moneys
10 provided to the state, including the approximately eighteen million
11 dollar (\$18,000,000) annual grant that the state receives from the
12 United States Department of Labor.

13 (b) The board, in consultation with the Employment Training
14 Panel, the Department of ~~Veterans~~² Veterans Affairs, and
15 representatives of the department shall outline, implement, and
16 administer this section. The board shall also develop clear,
17 comprehensive, and transparent objectives, and appropriate criteria
18 that may be used to evaluate the effectiveness of existing workforce
19 training and job referral programs for veterans.

20 (c) The assessment required to be prepared pursuant to this
21 section shall evaluate all of the following:

22 (1) The extent to which moneys are being expended for outreach,
23 assessment of job skills and interests, and the referral of veterans
24 to specific training opportunities and prospective ~~jobs~~ job
25 placement. The outreach measures required to be assessed pursuant

1 to this subdivision shall also include an evaluation of the provision
2 of information to veterans regarding ways to finance training
3 opportunities that require fees or the payment of tuition.

4 (2) The extent to which moneys are being expended for the
5 assessment of job skills acquired during military service that may
6 be used, or adapted for use, for civilian purposes by the veteran
7 client.

8 (3) The extent to which moneys are being expended to provide
9 workforce training and job referral programs for eligible veterans
10 at one-stop career centers.

11 (d) The board shall annually report to the Governor and the
12 appropriate legislative policy and budget committees on the
13 effectiveness of existing job skills and employment opportunities
14 provided to military veterans who are transitioning to civilian
15 work.

16 (e) This section shall only be implemented to the extent that
17 federal funds are made available to the state for purposes of this
18 section.